

Unemployment

- “Kentucky’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.7 percent for May was lower than the 5.8 percent recorded for April, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. In May 2002, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also was 5.7 percent. The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate in May increased to 6.1 percent from 6 percent in April. Kentucky’s unemployment rate has either been 5.7 percent or 5.8 percent each of the past four months,” said Carlos Cracraft, the department’s chief labor market analyst. “May marked the 14th consecutive month that Kentucky’s unemployment rate has been lower than the U.S. unemployment rate.”
- In the TENCO WIA, there was no change in the unemployment rate (5.8%) from April 2003 to May 2003.

KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED PRELIMINARY MAY 2003

	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate		
				May 2003	April 2003	May 2002
TENCO	93,689	88,261	5,428	5.8	5.8	5.6
Bath	6,024	5,712	312	5.2	6.7	5.5
Boyd	22,972	21,450	1522	6.6	5.7	5.3
Bracken	3,763	3,550	213	5.7	6.1	4.8
Fleming	6,695	6,382	313	4.7	5.8	5.0
Greenup	16,541	15,637	904	5.5	5.5	5.4
Lewis	4,358	4,005	353	8.1	9.0	10.2
Mason	8,240	7,801	439	5.3	5.7	4.3
Montgomery	13,538	12,711	827	6.1	5.5	6.2
Robertson	1,022	954	68	6.7	9.2	5.1
Rowan	10,536	10,059	477	4.5	4.5	5.4
Statewide*	1,993,270	1,883,966	109,304	5.5	5.6	5.5
U.S. Rate*				5.8	5.8	5.5

Source: Kentucky Department for Employment Services

*The data contained in the charts above are not seasonally adjusted. County unemployment rates are comparable to the non-seasonally adjusted Kentucky statewide and U.S. unemployment rates in the chart above.

Unemployment in the TENCO WIA
1990 through 2003

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
1990	8.3%	8.8%	7.2%	7.2%	6.9%	6.6%	6.7%	6.2%	6.5%	6.7%	7.5%	8.7%	7.3%
1991	12.2%	12.9%	12.6%	12.1%	9.8%	9.7%	9.2%	8.5%	8.8%	8.7%	8.6%	9.2%	10.2%
1992	11.5%	11.5%	10.3%	9.2%	8.7%	8.7%	8.0%	8.7%	8.9%	9.1%	9.7%	9.1%	9.4%
1993	11.8%	11.7%	11.4%	10.7%	10.2%	10.3%	10.0%	9.7%	9.6%	9.7%	8.9%	8.6%	10.2%
1994	10.5%	10.0%	9.0%	8.0%	7.3%	7.6%	6.9%	6.8%	7.0%	6.8%	6.6%	6.6%	7.8%
1995	8.6%	9.1%	8.0%	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%	8.3%	7.1%	6.3%	6.6%	6.4%	6.2%	7.3%
1996	8.7%	8.8%	7.7%	6.8%	6.4%	6.0%	6.3%	5.5%	5.3%	5.4%	5.9%	6.1%	6.6%
1997	8.4%	7.9%	7.2%	6.3%	7.0%	7.9%	6.7%	6.2%	6.7%	6.8%	6.4%	6.2%	7.0%
1998	7.8%	7.5%	6.8%	5.5%	5.2%	5.4%	4.4%	4.6%	4.9%	4.6%	4.6%	5.1%	5.5%
1999	7.8%	7.8%	7.3%	6.0%	5.9%	6.0%	5.4%	4.9%	4.8%	4.3%	4.4%	5.2%	5.8%
2000*	6.8%	6.7%	6.0%	4.9%	4.7%	4.9%	4.8%	4.3%	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%	4.8%	5.1%
2001*	7.1%	7.2%	6.5%	5.8%	6.3%	6.0%	6.8%	5.8%	5.3%	6.1%	6.2%	6.1%	6.3%
2002*	8.4%	7.5%	6.6%	5.9%	5.6%	5.4%	5.2%	4.8%	4.6%	4.5%	4.9%	5.1%	5.7%
2003	7.3%	7.6%	7.3%	5.8%	5.8%								

Source: Kentucky Department for Employment Services

* Data has been benchmarked

May 2003 data is preliminary

